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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
William G. HARLESS) Group Art Unit: 2123
Application No.: 09/436,725) Examiner: T.Q. PHAN
Filed: November 9, 1999)
For: INTERACTIVE SIMULATED)
DIALOGUE SYSTEM AND)
METHOD FOR A COMPUTER)
NETWORK)

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In reply to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claims listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the Amendments section, beginning on page 12 of this paper.

*See App. 18d
App. 18c*

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New Claim 20

Applicants submit that new claim 20 is also allowable, for at least the same reasons as set forth above regarding claim 11.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of pending claims 1-20, as amended.

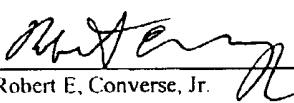
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Respectfully submitted,

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